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The title of this case is being marked changed to set forth the subject's true name before it was legally changed ? at the time of his naturalization to THOMAS RIHA.

REFERENCE: WFO letter to Bureau dated April 5, 1960; Bulet to Boston dated May 25, 1960; Bulet to WFO dated May 12, 1960, Students, IS - R"; Boston letter to Bureau dated June 30, 1960, entitled "THOMAS RIHA, IS - R."

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RIHA advised that he received a very short briefing by the CIA in Vienna, Austria, before going to Russia and he has never been contacted subsequently by CIA.

The Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities in the field of internal security and espionage was explained to RIHA and he stated he would cooperate in every possible way.

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FROM : S. J. Papich

SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA

INTERNAL SECURITY - CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Mrs. Jane Roman, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on April 15, 1969:

The subject has not left the United States. story or rumor indicating that he may have gone to Czechoslovakia is without foundation. Riha has been having difficulties from his wife, and he recently "ran away from her."

CIA has also received information indicating that the university newspaper at the University of Colorado will be printing an article concerning the subject and will refer to him as an undercover agent of CIA. Mrs. Roman stated that subject very definitely is not being utilized by CIA in any capacity.

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Research-Satellite Section.

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Subject is a professor at the University of Colorado. The Department received a letter dated 4-7-69 which stated the subject disappeared mysteriously three weeks ago. The writer of the letter was concerned that subject might be involuntarily leaving the United States for Czechoslovakia. The above is being furnished Denver for its information.

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1 - Mr. J. W. Redfield

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Enclosed for Chicago are Bulets, dated 4/10/09 with its enclosure and 4/10/09, which are soli-explanatory

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UNITED STATES (TERNMENT Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : A. W. Gray ?)

SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(SINO-SATELLITE)

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Bishop 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

DATE: January 13, 1970

1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Recommend attached letter be sent Attorney General (AG) regarding letter 1/8/69 to him from Congressman Donald G. Brotzman, Republican, Colorado, referred to us concerning disappearance of subject. Also recommend representative of Mr. Bishop's office personally apprise Congressman of facts. Brotzman, formerly United States Attorney Denver, 1959-1962; relations cordial.

Congressman requested information from AG by 1/14/70 concerning subject's disappearance from Boulder, Colorado, 3/69. He noted Riha may have disappeared because of "domestic complicitions." He stated he asked Bureau for report as to what had been done to locate subject. He wrote that Bureau advised, aside from preliminary inquiries, no investigation conducted. On 12/31/69 Mr. Bishop did advise Congressman's office FBI had conducted no investigation of disappearance since no indications of violation of federal law in our jurisdiction. Congressman stated during course of similar inquiries, CIA advised it had no jurisdiction but understood FBI had looked into matter and might well know whereabouts of subject and circumstances involved. We did inquire of CIA-through Liaison on 4/15/69 to determine if they had any interest in subject. They did not.

Subject, born 4/17/29, Prague, Czechoslovakia, entered United States 1947; naturalized US citizen 12/52; served US Army 1953-1955; attended Moscow University 6/58-9/59; prior to disappearance was professor of Russian history, University of Colorado, Boulder. We have no information concerning Riha's whereabouts and have conducted no investigation to locate. CIA advised Liaison 1/13/70 Congressman was told CIA was not investigating subject and not using him in any capacity. CIA suggested he might check with local police and FBI, but did not tell him FBI was investigating.

In 12/69 Denver received letter from subject's mother requesting information concerning son's disappearance repember 1070 Office replied this was matter not within jurisdiction of Bureau, however, offered if she so desired to place his name on Bureau's missing persons list. SAC, Denver, advised reply received from hother 1/13/70 declining to have subject's name placed on list.

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- Mr. A. W. Gray l - Mr. J. W. Redfield

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Director, FBI (105-78255)

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Congressman Donald G. Erotzman, Colorado, addressed a letter dated 1/8/70 to the Attorney General (AG) requesting information from him concerning the disappearance of subject. Enclosed is one copy each of the Congressman's letter and Eureau letter to the AG dated 1/14/70 for your information.

Also enclosed for your information is one cony each of CIA memoranda tated 6/21/59 and 6/2/59; Duleto to Wid 5/13/60 and to Boston 5/25/60, Eoston Letter to the Director dated 6/30/00; Boston report dated 8/31/00, all pertaining to subject. The above are being furnished for the completion of your file.

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Unless additional pertinent information is developed, no investigation need be conducted by your office. If additional pertinent information is received concerning this matter it should promptly be furnished to the Bureau by LHM.

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Letter to SAC, Denver RE: THOMAS RIHA 105-78256

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Fr. Stephen Fischer- lati

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Fischer-Galati previously wrote to the Vice President concerning the disappearance of kiha, which letter was referred to the Eureau for reply. He was informed the FBI had conducted no investigation concerning the disappearance of Riha; had no information regarding his whereabouts and there was no indication of a violation of Federal law within the FBI's jurisdiction.

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Le communicated with Justice Department 4/7/69 concerning Riha's disappearance. Justice acknowledged his letter. He has been mentioned in several press items in the Riha case as an acquaintance and University associate.

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SAC, Denver

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Director, FBI (105-78256)

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 4/7/69 addressed to Mr. Mathan B. Lonvin, Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, and written over signature of Stophon Fischer-Galati on the stationery of the University of Colorado. Also enclosed is a copy of the report of Maniel J. Griffin dated 8/31/60-at Boston concerning subject. .

Eathan B. Lenvin, now deceased, according to Eufiles interviewed Fischer-Galati in 1956 in connection with a matter in which Fischer-Galati was to testify. The enclosures are furnished for your assistance in the event any information is trought to your attention concerning the matter in the enclosed letter. Fischer-Calati should not be interviewed without prior Burcan authority; however, in the exent he contacts your office, any information offered should be accepted and furnished to the Bureau.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-78256)

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FROM

SAC, DENVER (105-4151)(C)

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THOMAS RIHA, aka.

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Re Denver letter to the Bureau, dated 12/29/69.

Enclosed herewith is a letter of acknowledgement to subject's mother, Dr. RUTH ANN COOK, to acknowledge her letter of 1/11/70.

Also enclosed are 5 copies of an LHM, which sets out Mrs. COOK's letter to the Denver Office of the FBI and in which she mentions her son's work with CIA.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

January 8, 1970

Attorney General John N. Mitchell Department of Justice Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Enclosed is a photocopy of an article which was published by the Denver Post on December 28, 1969. I have been requested by the Denver Post and friends of Dr. Riha, who is a constituent of mine, to do everything possible to assist in either locating the Professor or in determining additional facts about his disappearance.

It seems to me that the interest of the nation in general and the credibility of the FBI in particular is not well served by the proliferation of a belief that Professor Riha is the victim of some kind of international intrique, if such is not the case.

Despite the implications found in the Denver Post article, I think it is quite possible that Professor Riha left Boulder because of domestic complications ATTORNEY GENERAL

FEDERAL BU. OF INV. OF SE In this spirit I last week asked the FBI to provide me, either formally or informally, with a report on what the Bureau has done to locate Professor Riha; 5 I wasning pg 70 last Friday that, aside from a file of inquiries made in Professor Riha's behalf, the Bureau has not looked into the matter and is not conducting inquiries

I so informed the Denver Post.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - CZECH

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Dr. Stephen Fischer-Galati

While I am certain the Vice President would like to be of more assistance to you in this matter and appreciates your concern for your colleague, in the absence of information indicating Federal interest or a violation of Federal statutes, this matter appears to be one solely within the investigative province of authorities in your area.

Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover

Note:

Above letter written pursuant to referral from the Office of the Vice President. Xerox copy of the original referral and its enclosures being returned with the copy of the letter to the Vice President.

Riha, Czechoslovak-born, naturalized, former professor of Russian history at Colorado University, departed from Denver area March, 1969, without notifying friends, associates, or his estranged wife. His disappearance has been glamorized in recent months by energetic Denver reporter and spiced up with references to a mysterious paramour under whose influence Riha had fallen.

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He communicated with Justice Department 4/7/69 concerning wha's disappearance. Justice acknowledged his letter. Fischer-Galati has been mentioned in several pressitems in the Riha case as an acquaintance and University associate. He is a professor of history, Colorado University. Salutation of Dr. taken from established reference book. Copy of letter being sent to The Vice President's Office by Liaison.

The Attorney

Director,

THOMAS RIMA INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to letter dated January 8, 1970, addressed to you from Congressman Donald G. Erotzman, Colorado, a copy of which is attached with its enclosure. The Congressman had asked for a reply by January 14, 1970.

On December 31, 1969, pursuant to the Congressman's inquiry, this Eureau advised Er. Robert Tonsing, his administrative aide, that the FBI had conducted no investigation concerning the disappearance in March, 1969, of Taomas Riha, professor, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, since there were no indications of a violation of federal law concerning Riha's whereabouts and has conducted no investigawithin its jurisdiction. tion to locate him. On April 15, 1969, we did inquire of the Central Intelligence Agency if they had any interest in They did not.

In December, 1969, our Denver Office received a letter from Riha's mother requesting information concerning her son's disappearance. She was advised this was a matter not within the jurisdiction of the FBI. She was told, however, what if she so desired his name would be placed on the FBI's Tissing persons list. She replied on January 13, 1970, and Seclined to have his name placed on the list.

The Central Intelligence Agency advised this Eureau on January 13, 1970, that Congressman Brotzman upon inquiry of them had been advised that Agency was not investigating Rihag and not using him in any capacity. Central Intelligence Agency & had suggested he check with the local police and the FBI but did not tell the Congressman the FBI was investigating subject.

A representative of the Bureau will personally contact Congressman Brotzman on January 14, 1970, and apprise him of the above facts.

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Mr. DeLoach - Mr. Bishop

January 14, 1970 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

- Mr. Sullivan

- Liaison

- Mr. Gray

Mr. Redfield

The Attorney General

NOTE:

Ese memorandum A. W. Gray to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 1/13/76, captioned as above, prepared by JWR:kml.

The enclosures attached to the AG letter have been Xeroxed since the original letter to the AG bore Bureau administrative markings. CIA information 1/13/70 obtained from John-Maury, congressional limison, by SA Sam J. Papich.

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SAC, Denver (105-4151)

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Director, FBI (105-78256)

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Congressian Donald G. Brotsman, Colorado, addressed a letter dated 1/2/70 to the Attorney General (AG) requesting information from him concerning the disappearance of subject. Inclosed is one copy each of the Controssman's letter and Eureau letter to the AG dated 1/14/70 for your information.

Also enclosed for your information is one copy each of CIA-negoranda dated d/31/59 and 6/2/50; Dulots to WYO 5/12/50 and to Doston 5/25/60, Eston letter to the Director dated 6/30/60; Eston report dated 3/31/60, all pertaining to subject. The above are being furnished for the completion of your file.

On 1/12/70 CIA advised through liaison that the subject is not of operational interest to that Agency. With regard to state subject is disappearance, CIA advised it did receive a report which could be characterized as a rucor, that the subject was experiencing marktal difficulties and had left his wife. The Agency does not have any information concerning subject's present whereabouts.

In subsequent communications concerning this matter you should delete the character of IS - CZ and use the character of this letter.

Unless additional pertinent information is developed, no investigation need be conducted by your office. If additional pertinent information is received concerning this matter, it should promptly be furnished to the Durcau by LHM.

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Subject, a professor at the University of Colorado, disappeared in March, 1939, it first being reported to us in April, 1939. Bufiles disclosed that at one time subject

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was of some interest to CIA. On 4/15/69, CIA advised through liaison that subject had not left the U.S. and had been having difficulty with his wife and "ran away from her." CIA advised the story or rumor indicating subject may have gone to CZ was without foundation. In 12/69 Denver received a letter from subject's mother requesting information concerning subject's disappearance. Denver replied this was a matter not within the jurisdiction of the Eureau; however, offered if she so desired to place his name on the Dureau's missing persons list. Subject's mother replied to our Denver Office on 1/13/70 declining to have subject's name placed on the list. On 12/23/69 "The Denver Post," a daily newspaper in Denver. Colorado, published a lengthy article concerning the disappearance of subject. By letter dated 1/8/70 Congressman Brotzman, R-Colorado, also requested information concerning subject's disappearance from the AG. We have conducted no investigation of subject's disappearance since there are no indications of a violation of Federal law in our jurisdiction.

SAC. Denver

4/16/69

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THOMAS RIHA IS - CZ

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 4/7/69 addressed to Mr. Nathan B. Lenvin, Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, and written over signature of Stephen Fischer-Galuti on the stationery of the University of Colorado. Also enclosed is a copy of the report of SA Daniel J. Griffin dated 8/31/60 at Boston concerning subject.

Mathan B. Lenvin, now deceased, according to Eufiles interviewed Fischer-Galati in 1956 in connection with a matter in which Fischer-Galati was to testify. The enclosures are Eurnished for your assistance in the event any information is brought to your attention concerning the matter in the enclosed letter. Fischer-Calati should not be interviewed without prior Bureau authority; however, in the event he contacts your office, any information offered should be accepted and furnished to the Bureau.

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The enclosed letter was furnished by Mr. James L. poldon, Jr. of the Department. Bufiles_disclose that at one time subject was of some interest to CIA A copy of the enclosed letter was furnished to CIA on 4/10/69. Subject is a U.S. citizen who has spent time in the past in Czechoslovakia and There is no information in the enclosed letter which would indicate that the Bureau should make any inquiries concerns ing subject. Bufiles contain no information which would indicate that subject could be involuntarily leaving the U.S. as indicated in the enclosed letter.

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